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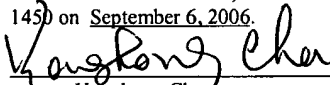
For: **METHOD FOR MODIFYING THE TOPOGRAPHY OF COATED SHEET METAL USING A LASER BEAM AND COATED SHEET METAL WITH A TOPOGRAPHICAL MODIFICATION OF THIS TYPE**

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1. US 5,236,763
2. WO 99/08829 A1 (in English)
3. DE 44 07 190 A1 (English abstract provided)
4. JP 11 047967 A (English abstract provided)
5. US 6,670,571 B2
6. US 2003/0230559 A1
7. US 6,048,255
8. English abstract of JP 07 155974 A
9. DE 199 47 719 A1 (English abstract provided)

Documents 1-7 are cited in the ISR. Documents 8-9 are cited in German Preliminary Examination Report dated April 20, 2006. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

Document 3

It is indicated in the ISR that Fig. 3 of Document 3 is "X" category relevant to claims 8-9 and "Y" category relevant to claim 10 of the corresponding PCT application. Document 3 is also cited in the background of the instant application.

Document 4

It is indicated in the ISR that the abstract of Document 4 is "X" category relevant to claim 8 and "Y" category relevant to claims 1-3 and 5-7 of the corresponding PCT application.

Document 8

It is indicated in the German Preliminary Examination Report that Document 8 (see the figure) describes a coated sheet according to claims 8 and 10 of the corresponding German application.

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Document 9

Document 9 is cited in the German Preliminary Examination Report to show that sheet according to claim 10 of the corresponding German application is known because weight saving is common in the automotive engineering (compare column 1, lines 6-24 of Document 9)

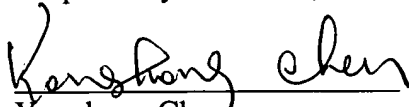
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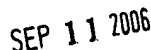
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